

**APPLICATION FOR OYSTER
PLANTING GROUND**

Commonwealth of Virginia

MARINE RESOURCES COMMISSION

2600 Washington Ave., P. O. Box 756

Newport News, VA 23607-0756

Name: _____

Address: _____

Street or P.O. Box

City

State

Zip

Telephone: _____

SSN(Tax ID): _____

Work

Home

I/We, a resident of The Commonwealth of Virginia, hereby apply for oyster ground pursuant to the laws of Virginia.

Said ground is in the waters of _____, near _____
and estimated to contain _____ acres, and situated in District No. _____ in the City/County of _____
and described and bounded as follows:

North by: _____

East by: _____

South by: _____

West by: _____

I submit herewith my non-refundable fee of \$25.00. I agree to promptly pay the newspaper, for the required advertising. I also agree to promptly pay all charges for surveying, mapping, assigning, and recording as specified in the Code of Virginia, Title 28.2. I agree to comply with all legal requirements pursuant to oyster ground leasing. I understand that this application will be given priority in the order that it is received by the Virginia Marine Resources Commission, Engineering/Surveying Department.

Do you presently lease oyster ground in this name? yes____ no____ Billing number is:

Signature of Applicant(s)

Date

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY

VMRC App. No: _____ Billing No: _____ Lease No: _____ Map No: _____

Area VMRC Surveyor: _____ Assigned Surveyor: _____

Chief, Engineering/Surveying

Date

Law Enforcement Supervisor

INSTRUCTIONS

Return the completed Application for Oyster Planting Ground with the \$25.00 non-refundable fee to:

Virginia Marine Resources Commission (VMRC)
2600 Washington Ave., P. O. Box 756
Newport News, VA 23607-0756

Money orders or checks are accepted and payable to "Treasurer of Virginia."

THE FOLLOWING CHARGES ARE EFFECTIVE AS OF 7/1/97

APPLICATION FEE (NON-REFUNDABLE).....	\$25.00
ADVERTISING COST IN THE NEWSPAPER WILL BE BILLED TO APPLICANT DIRECTLY	cost varies
SURVEYING:	
VMRC SURVEY FOR LEASE ASSIGNMENT	\$510.00
ADDITIONAL PLAT CHARGE	\$75.00
RECORDING FEE FOR EACH ASSIGNMENT & PLAT	\$12.00
ASSIGNMENT FEE FOR EACH ASSIGNMENT & PLAT	\$1.50

If you are applying for a Riparian oyster ground lease, the name must be shown exactly as on the highland deed. A plat of your highland property is required to complete the survey.

Pursuant to the Code of Virginia, your application will be advertised in the local newspaper for four consecutive weeks. The newspaper will bill you directly for the advertisement.

Helpful Instructions about:

Oyster Planting Ground Code of Va. 28.2-600 & following:

Application:

Cost - \$25 With Application

Description can be made from an Oyster Planting Ground composite map in an unassigned or vacant area.

Application must be advertised once a week for four weeks at applicants expense.

Application must be posted in vicinity, three places for 60 days, (VMRC responsibility).

Survey - If there is no protest within the posting and advertising time we will designate a

Surveyor of applicants choice to make the survey and prepare a plat. (Current cost for a VMRC Surveyor is \$510 for a standard application survey)

The annual rent for a lease is \$1.50 per acre, rounded up to the next even acre. There is no annual charge for a riparian, however the requirements are different. For the riparian, it must adjoin the mean low water and be in the same name as the highland owner. The highland must border a minimum of 205 feet along the MLW, however the riparian lease may be as narrow as 105 feet and cannot contain more than one half acre.